

Transportation Advisory Committee

September 12, 2018, 7:15 pm to 9:45 pm, Town Hall 2nd floor conf. room

Present: Daniel Amstutz, Wayne Chouinard, Lenard Diggins, Mike Gordon, Brian Kmetz, Melissa Laube, Howard Muise, Scott Smith

Missing members: Chuck Giroux, Pam Heidell, Jeff Maxtutis, Corey Rateau,

Non-Members Present: Mark Colosimo

Administration. Minutes of 8/8/18 approved unanimously. There was no correspondence sent or received.

Public Comments. None.

Town Issues.

- Dan attended a forum on ridesharing and ride hailing.
- Wayne provided an update on DPW activities. The next Complete Streets submission is only for towns that have not yet received funding from the program, so the Town is excluded. Wayne will reconvene the Complete Streets (Howard, Melissa, Wayne) and Traffic Signal Prioritization Working Groups. Scott noted that crosswalks are fading on Summer Street and Mass. Ave in East Arlington. Wayne will think about potential responsibilities for a new working group that will review traffic management regulations.

Appleton Street/Paul Revere Road. Wayne has drawn a concept with pedestrian bump outs. Mark Colosimo asked how traffic would be able to travel on Paul Revere to cross Park Ave. under the proposed diagrams – Wayne will reexamine this. Howard will set up a count for a signal warrant at Park Ave and Appleton. Wayne will also look at the whole Park Ave. corridor for potential improvements, including at Park Circle – Howard will set up a separate working group for this.

Gibbs School. The transportation work around the school has been completed, including the bus drop-off.

Venner Road. TAC will postpone this discussion until the next meeting with Corey in attendance. Scott suggested asking MassDOT for advice on if and how exceptions for bicycles could be made at State intersections.

Speed Safety Zones. TAC will postpone this discussion until the next meeting with Corey in attendance.

Town Day. Howard will revise the list of who will be staffing the booth at Town Day.

Rhinecliff @ Oakland. There has been a request to add a crosswalk at this intersection, and counts have been performed. Scott will revisit the TAC crosswalk guidelines. The crosswalk would not connect to sidewalks, so TAC will postpone this discussion until the next meeting with Corey in attendance.

New Work. Howard will reconvene the crosswalk working group and will find the TAC crosswalk regulations to review before the next meeting.

- Pleasant @ Maple – Wayne will review this crosswalk and the feasibility to make it ADA compliant. No further TAC action will be required.
- Academy @ Maple – This crosswalk would result in lost parking spaces. TAC will postpone this discussion until the next meeting.
- Medford @ Hamilton/Webcowet – TAC will need pedestrian counts before discussing this further.

- STOP signs on Hayes at Maynard/Mystic Lake – Wayne and Corey will collect counts and speeds at this intersection.
- Entry restriction on Glenburn at Park – Wayne will collect turning counts midweek between 4 and 7 pm. Wayne will check on potential community input to Waze.

Crosswalk on Summer St at Buzzell Field/Victoria Road. Corey and Wayne will make a site visit to consider this possibility. Parking may be an issue for sight lines.

Mass Ave BRT Pilot. Dan provided an update about the public meeting and final Pilot plans. The Pilot will run between October 9 and November 12. Scott noted that the Town will need to look at the pavement markings near the Alewife Brook Parkway before implementation.

School Issues/Pedestrian Flags. Mike and Jeff replaced flags and fixed canisters throughout the Town.

Traffic Calming on Kensington Park. Howard will coordinate with Corey on counts and speeds.

Bike Share Program. Dan will provide Town usage data to TAC.

Adjourned at 9:45 PM.

- Meeting Materials:
 - Meeting Packet for August: Agenda 9/12/18; Minutes of 8/8/18; Individual Action List 9/12/18; Project List 9/12/18.
 - Memo to Howard Muese from Marie Krepelka, Board Administrator, regarding Change to Traffic Restriction @ Intersection of Venner Road and Concord Turnpike, December 21, 2017.
 - Memo to Howard Muese from Marie Krepelka, Board Administrator, regarding Traffic Calming on Kensington Park, March 8, 2018.
 - Memo to Adam Chapdelaine, Town Manager, from Jenninifer Raitt, Director of Planning and Community Development, regarding Bus Priority Pilot, September 10, 2018.
 - Town Day 2018 Staffing Plan
 - Intersection Pedestrian Counts at Rhinecliff and Oakland, conducted by Jim Feeney